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SUBJECT: DANISH SHIPYARD OBTAINS SOVIET ORDER FOR CARGO VESSELS

1. ACCORDING TO THE DAISH PRESS, THE BURMEISTER AND WAIN SHIPYARD, COPENHAGEN, SIGNED A CONTRACT ON DECEMBER 8, 1976 WITH SUDOIMPORT, MOSCOW, FOR TWO CARGO VESSELS. SPOKESMAN FOR B&W STATED THERE ARE PROSPECTS FOR THE ORDER OF THREE ADDITIONAL SHIPS IN THE SPRING OF 1977.

2. THE VESSELS ARE OF THE SO-CALLED MULTIFLEX TYPE, EACH ABOUT 13,000 DWT CONVERTIBLE DRY CARGO CARRIERS. THE CONTRACT PRICE HAS NOT BEEN RELEASED, BUT IT IS BELIEVED TO AMOUNT TO ABOUT \$30 MILLION.

3. BURMEISTER AND WAIN HAS PREVIOUSLY BUILT A SERIES OF FISH PROCESSING AND CARGO VESSELS FOR THE USSR, BUT IT HAS NOT RECEIVED SOVIET ORDERS FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS. BURMEISTER AND WAIN IS THE SHIPYARD IN DENMARK WHICH PROBABLY HAS SUFFERED THE MOST DURING THE PRESENT SHIPBUILDING CRISIS. THIS ORDER SECURES WORK FOR ITS 1,500 EMPLOYEES THROUGH MAY 1978.
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